

**SSB 5869 - S AMD 413**

By Senator Hobbs

1 On page 20, after line 4, insert the following:

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3 " **Sec. 9.** RCW 41.05.080 and 2007 c 114 s 6 are each amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) Under the qualifications, terms, conditions, and benefits set  
6 by the board:

7 (a) Retired or disabled state employees, retired or disabled  
8 school employees, retired or disabled employees of county, municipal,  
9 or other political subdivisions, or retired or disabled employees of  
10 tribal governments covered by this chapter may continue their  
11 participation in insurance plans and contracts after retirement or  
12 disablement;

13 (b) Separated employees may continue their participation in  
14 insurance plans and contracts if participation is selected immediately  
15 upon separation from employment;

16 (c) Surviving spouses and dependent children of emergency service  
17 personnel killed in the line of duty and, between the effective date  
18 of this act and June 30, 2011, surviving spouses and dependent  
19 children of law enforcement officers and firefighters who are totally  
20 disabled in the line of duty and receiving a retirement allowance as  
21 provided under RCW 41.26.470(8) may participate in health insurance  
22 ((plans and contracts));

23 (d) Between the effective date of this act and June 30, 2011, law  
24 enforcement officers and firefighters who are totally disabled in the  
25 line of duty and receiving a retirement allowance as provided under  
26 RCW 41.26.470(8) and their dependents may participate in health  
27 insurance.

1 (2) Rates charged surviving spouses of emergency service personnel  
2 killed in the line of duty, law enforcement officers and firefighters  
3 who are totally disabled in the line of duty and receiving a  
4 retirement allowance as provided under RCW 41.26.470(8) and their  
5 dependents, retired or disabled employees, separated employees,  
6 spouses, or dependent children who are not eligible for parts A and B  
7 of medicare shall be based on the experience of the community-rated  
8 risk pool established under RCW 41.05.022.

9 (3) Rates charged to surviving spouses of emergency service  
10 personnel killed in the line of duty, law enforcement officers and  
11 firefighters who are totally disabled in the line of duty and  
12 receiving a retirement allowance as provided under RCW 41.26.470(8)  
13 and their dependents, retired or disabled employees, separated  
14 employees, spouses, or children who are eligible for parts A and B of  
15 medicare shall be calculated from a separate experience risk pool  
16 comprised only of individuals eligible for parts A and B of medicare;  
17 however, the premiums charged to medicare-eligible retirees and  
18 disabled employees shall be reduced by the amount of the subsidy  
19 provided under RCW 41.05.085.

20 (4) Surviving spouses and dependent children of emergency service  
21 personnel killed in the line of duty, law enforcement officers and  
22 firefighters who are totally disabled in the line of duty and  
23 receiving a retirement allowance as provided under RCW 41.26.470(8)  
24 and their dependents, and retired or disabled and separated employees  
25 shall be responsible for payment of premium rates developed by the  
26 authority which shall include the cost to the authority of providing  
27 health insurance (~~coverage~~) including any amounts necessary for  
28 reserves and administration in accordance with this chapter. These  
29 self pay rates will be established based on a separate rate for the  
30 employee, the spouse, and the children.

31 (~~(+5)~~) (6) The term "retired state employees" for the purpose of  
32 this section shall include but not be limited to members of the  
33 legislature whether voluntarily or involuntarily leaving state office.

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1       **Sec. 10.** RCW 41.05.195 and 2007 c 114 s 7 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or rules or  
4 procedures adopted by the authority, the authority shall make  
5 available to retired or disabled employees who are enrolled in parts A  
6 and B of medicare one or more medicare supplemental insurance policies  
7 that conform to the requirements of chapter 48.66 RCW. The policies  
8 shall be chosen in consultation with the public employees' benefits  
9 board. These policies shall be made available to retired or disabled  
10 state employees; retired or disabled school district employees;  
11 retired employees of county, municipal, or other political  
12 subdivisions or retired employees of tribal governments eligible for  
13 coverage available under the authority; ~~((~~or~~))~~ surviving spouses of  
14 emergency service personnel killed in the line of duty; or law  
15 enforcement officers and firefighters who are totally disabled in the  
16 line of duty and receiving a retirement allowance as provided under  
17 RCW 41.26.470(8), and who are participating under the provisions of  
18 subsection (1)(d) of section 9 of this act, or their dependents."

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20 On page 20, on line 5, strike "This act takes effect January 1, 2010."  
21 and insert "Sections 9 and 10 of this act are necessary for the  
22 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or  
23 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,  
24 and take effect immediately. The remaining sections of this act take  
25 effect January 1, 2010."

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27       Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal  
28 references accordingly.

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33 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "41.05.050,", insert "  
34 41.05.080, 41.05.195, ".  
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1 On page 1, line 5 of the title, before "and providing", insert  
2 "declaring an emergency;".

EFFECT: Makes law enforcement officers and fire fighters who were totally disabled in the line of duty - and, as applicable, their surviving spouses and dependents - eligible for participation in PEBB insurance plans between the effective date of the act and June 30, 2011. Declares an emergency so that the new sections take effect immediately.

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